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ARIZONA EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT & HEALTH BOARD SOUTH PHOENIX REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call To Order:** The special meeting of the First Things First South Phoenix Regional Partnership Council; Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board was held on November 3, 2009 at Childhelp Keys Community Center, 2454 East Broadway Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85040-2622

Chair Robert Donofrio called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. A brief welcome by Chair Donofrio and introduction of Council Members, First Things First Staff, and guests in attendance took place. Mr. Donofrio also introduced Mauricio Martinez who was appointed to the Council by the State Board at their November 2009 meeting as the Parent Member.

Council Members in Attendance: Robert Donofrio, Chair, Mauricio Martinez, Member, Reverend Rosalind Polston, Member, Dr. Eva Marie Shivers, Member, Moises Gallegos, Member, Mary Thompson, Member, Dr. Patricia Merk, Member.

Council Members Present by Phone: Dr. William Ellert, Member; Cindy Segotta-Jones, Member.

Member Not in Attendance: James Washington, Vice Chair.

Staff in Attendance: Karen Woodhouse, Deputy Director, Jonathon Gonzales, Regional Coordinator, Briggetta Hawks, Administrative Assistant.

Quorum: Established.

2. **Consent Agenda:** Member Dr. Patricia Merk advised on page 3 (three) Health Development should be Health and Development. Reverend Polston advised that she was in attendance for the meeting on September 30, 2009. Member Mary Thomson moved to approve the meeting minutes of September 30, 2009 with the stated changes, second Dr. Patricia Merk, Member, all in favor, motion carried.
3. **Discussion and Possible Vote 2011 Funding Plan/Strategy Updates:** The Council discussed the possibility of funding Child Care Scholarships which was originally a short term and emergency strategy. The other issue is Licensure for child care facilities which were originally subsidized by the Department of Health Services. With the severe cuts, the funding is no longer available through the Department of Health Services to subsidize the substantial increase in fees for their three year license period.

Member Mary Thomson moved to allocate One Million Dollars to help 139 children give or take by decreasing the following strategies by the amounts listed below, second by Member Moises Gallegos, all in favor, motion carried.

| NAME OF STRATEGY | AMOUNT DECREASED |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Crisis Prevention | 500,000.00 |
| Health Prevention and Education | 200,000.00 |
| Communication | 200,000.00 |
| Coordination For Outreach | 100,000.00 |
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| Total | 1,000,000.00 |

Chair Robert Donofrio volunteered with Member Moises Gallegos to work on a parent scholarship strategy that has quality first in mind

In addition to the above, it was decided that a gap exists from January 1, 2009 through July 1, 2010. Dr. Merk abstained from voting for the health piece of the motion. Member Moises Gallegos moved requesting the Regional Coordinator to determine the amount of money from the current Fiscal Year 2010 that would enable the Council to fund parent scholarships from December 31, 2009 – July 1, 2010 without affecting current proposed budget amounts for 2011; second by Member Mary Thomson, all in favor, motion carried.

Member Mary Thompson moved to amend the current motion redistribute one million dollars from new strategies toward child care scholarships including communication for fiscal year 2011 that will include the entire year, not partial year, second by Dr. Eva Marie Shivers, all in favor, motion carried. Dr. Patricia Merk abstained from voting for the record due to conflict.


4. **Adjournment:** Member Moises Gallegos moved to adjourn, second by Member Mary Thomson, all in favor, no discussion, meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Approved

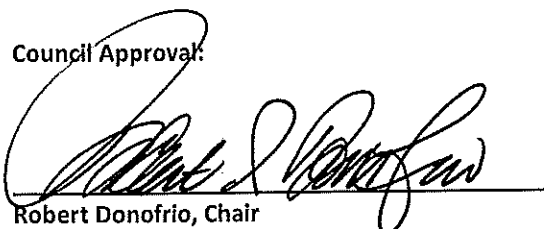


Briggetta Hawks, Administrative Assistant



Jonathon Gonzalez, Regional Coordinator

Council Approval:


Robert Donofrio, Chair